

**To:** Arguto, William[Arguto.William@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Wisniewski, Patti-Kay[Wisniewski.Patti-Kay@epa.gov]; Travers, David[Travers.David@epa.gov]  
**From:** Allgeier, Steve  
**Sent:** Fri 1/24/2014 6:01:28 PM  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Fwd: [On Deadline]: MCHM and Activated Charcoal -- for TheSurvivalDoctor.com; ddl: 1/20 (the holiday)

Bill,

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**From:** Arguto, William  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2014 12:30 PM  
**To:** Allgeier, Steve  
**Cc:** Wisniewski, Patti-Kay  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Fwd: [On Deadline]: MCHM and Activated Charcoal -- for TheSurvivalDoctor.com; ddl: 1/20 (the holiday)

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Thanks

**From:** Allgeier, Steve

**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2014 9:34 AM

**To:** Arguto, William; Travers, David

**Cc:** binetti, victoria; Wisniewski, Patti-Kay; Burneson, Eric

**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Fwd: [On Deadline]: MCHM and Activated Charcoal -- for TheSurvivalDoctor.com; ddl: 1/20 (the holiday)

All,

Just a quick update. Yesterday I contacted Stan Hazen of NSF to learn if they have information or are doing work related to MCHM removal by consumer water purification products. He responded right away with a brief message stating that members of his staff have been “working on it” but I have no other information from NSF at this time. I’ll pass along any information as soon as I receive it.

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Steve

**From:** Arguto, William  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 23, 2014 8:51 AM  
**To:** Allgeier, Steve; Travers, David  
**Cc:** binetti, victoria; Wisniewski, Patti-Kay; Burneson, Eric  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Fwd: [On Deadline]: MCHM and Activated Charcoal -- for TheSurvivalDoctor.com; ddl: 1/20 (the holiday)

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**From:** Allgeier, Steve  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 19, 2014 10:17 AM  
**To:** Arguto, William; Travers, David  
**Cc:** binetti, victoria; Wisniewski, Patti-Kay  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Fwd: [On Deadline]: MCHM and Activated Charcoal -- for TheSurvivalDoctor.com; ddl: 1/20 (the holiday)

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David, Steve

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Bill Arguto

EPA Region 3

Drinking Water Branch Chief

**From:** binetti, victoria

**Sent:** Saturday, January 18, 2014 4:36 PM

**To:** Arguto, William

**Cc:** duteau, helen; Wisniewski, Patti-Kay

**Subject:** Fw: ACTION: Fwd: [On Deadline]: MCHM and Activated Charcoal -- for TheSurvivalDoctor.com; ddl: 1/20 (the holiday)

Bill, possibly check with Steve Allgeier, David Travers, to see if they can provide definitive answer (although HSCD team may have handled this).

Helen, pls include Bill in these emails, as I'll be out of pocket a bit.--Vicky

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**From:** duteau, helen

**Sent:** Saturday, January 18, 2014 3:19:53 PM

**To:** Hodgkiss, Kathy; Burns, Francis; Werner, Lora; binetti, victoria; Capacasa, Jon

**Cc:** Garvin, Shawn; White, Terri-A

**Subject:** Fw: ACTION: Fwd: [On Deadline]: MCHM and Activated Charcoal -- for TheSurvivalDoctor.com; ddl: 1/20 (the holiday)

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 18, 2014 3:09:04 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy; duteau, helen; Smith, Bonnie; Thomas, Latosha; Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Bloomgren, David; Behringer, Caroline; Hull, George; Jones, Enesta  
**Subject:** ACTION: Fwd: [On Deadline]: MCHM and Activated Charcoal -- for TheSurvivalDoctor.com;  
ddl: 1/20 (the holiday)

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**From:** **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** <[thesurvivaldoctor.com](mailto:thesurvivaldoctor.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 18, 2014 2:27:08 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta  
**Subject:** Fwd: [On Deadline]: MCHM and Activated Charcoal?

P.S. Hi, Enesta. I forgot to mention that apparently Eastman, the company behind the spill, is using powdered activated charcoal in the clean-up, so that especially makes me wonder about my question below. Thanks again.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** <[thesurvivaldoctor.com](mailto:thesurvivaldoctor.com)>  
**Subject:** [On Deadline]: MCHM and Activated Charcoal?  
**Date:** January 17, 2014 at 8:33:03 PM MST

**To:** [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov)

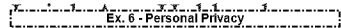
**Cc:** [jones.enesta@epa.gov](mailto:jones.enesta@epa.gov)

Dear EPA,

I emailed Cathy Milbourn and received an auto response directing me your way. I have a question about the West Virginia chemical spill. Could you tell me whether activated charcoal for home use (like in a special water bottle or a filter you can attach to your faucet) will work on MCHM? I've searched and searched for an answer and can't even find a "nobody knows," so anything would help.

This is for an article on [TheSurvivalDoctor.com](http://TheSurvivalDoctor.com) scheduled for Monday. This evidence-based blog written by a family doctor is the number-one survival-medicine site. It receives almost 400,000 unique visitors per month.

Thank you in advance for any help you could provide,

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